

1 **Amendment to the Specification**

2 **In the Specification:**

3 Please amend the specification as follows:

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5 On Pages 17-18, the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 17 should be amended as follows.

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7 To populate the List Object, the user simply types in a name for the field in the "Column
8 name" box 310. The user then selects the data type associated with the Geld from a drop-down "Data
9 types" menu 315. The data types dictates what values can be entered in the cells within the column,
10 or field. This is a type of "preliminary" data validation. Standard data validation rules allow the user
11 to set specific constraints on the data entered. For instance, if a field were to contain decimal values,
12 standard data validation rules would allow a user to select the number of decimal places that an entry
13 may have and the range of values that the entry must lie within. The "preliminary" validation
14 provided by the drop-down "Data types" menu 315 of the present invention; allows the user to specify
15 that only decimal values may be entered in the field (although any decimal value is allowable). By
16 insuring the only decimal values are entered without checking what decimal values are entered, the
17 MICROSOFT EXCEL for MAC spreadsheet program performs a "~~preliminarily~~" "preliminary"
18 validation of the data anything entered into each field. In the exemplary embodiment, the data type
19 associated with the column may be selected from one of the following: any value, whole number,
20 decimal, currency, counter, text, list, date, time, and calculated field.

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22 On Page 22, the paragraph beginning at line 9 should be amended as follows:

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24 The field headers 510 appear in the upper-most row of the List Object 500 and have the same
25 dimensions of the underlying column. In one embodiment of the present invention, the ~~filed~~ field
26 headers 510 are centered in the cell, regardless of the formatting of the underlying column. For the
27 column that contains the active cell, the header text is bold and the header appears raised to indicate
28 to the user which column contains the active cell.